



TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 18, 1893.

Mr. Harrison's, was a "pure" administration. Why certainly! The Assistant Attorney General who conducted the investigation of the crookedness in the weather bureau, reports to the effect that many of those employed in that bureau are as barefaced looters as the members of the infamous legislature of the District of Columbia, who upon the adjournment of that body seized and carried off upon their own shoulders the carpets and furniture of the hall in which their meetings had been held. He advises "the immediate discharge of the officials and employees guilty of such gross theft, embezzlement and the unauthorized sale of government property, and their prosecution therefor criminally and civilly." The weather, is the only government bureau that has yet been examined by a disinterested and impartial examiner. If the search light be turned upon all the others, a similar condition would probably be revealed. But Mr. Harrison's, was a "pure" administration.

The latest intelligence from Honolulu, like the earliest from the same place, that was reliable, is to the effect that the natives of the Sandwich Islands, to a man, are opposed to annexation, that all the foreigners there except Americans agree with them, that many Americans do likewise, and that the only annexationists there are the American Minister and some disaffected American adventurers who are engaged in sugar planting and want to receive the bounty that is paid on sugar produced within the jurisdiction of the United States. The President, for his own sake and that of the country of which he is the chief magistrate, should not let another day pass without recalling Minister Stevens, and having him tried for a high crime and misdemeanor in conspiring to depose the legitimate government of a foreign country with which the United States are at peace, and to install in its place that of the brazen faced adventurers referred to.

The secretary of the American legation at Constantinople telegraphs to the effect that there is no truth in the reported ill treatment of Americans by the Turks in Cesarea, but that on the contrary the persons arrested were guilty of attempting by seditious writings to incite disorder and rebellion in a peaceful community, and that instead of being unjustly punished, they didn't get what they deserved. There is a provincial and ignorant impression prevalent in this country that foreign nations are cruel and have little or no regard for the rights of Americans living among them. If Americans were better informed they would know that their own people are just as well treated abroad as foreigners are here.

At Mons, Belgium, yesterday, the communists and anarchists attempted to blow up a Catholic church. It is always this way. The Catholic is a conservative church, and is therefore objectionable to the upturners and subverters of governments. It was so in Scotland during the revolution there, and in Paris during the Commune, and has been the case almost everywhere else. The church is the first object of attack. The red flag and atheism go hand in hand. And yet Mr. Ingersoll says Christianity is a sham and a delusion, and is therefore prejudicial to the human race!

At the Emancipation celebration in Washington yesterday, one of the speakers berated ex-President Harrison for not appointing a negro to a seat on the new U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and said the fact that the ex-President had disregarded the request for such an appointment had set the negroes against him, and induced those in New York, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Connecticut to vote against him. If this be so their presumption is excused by reason of its good though unintentional effect.

The Republican protectionists say the McKinley bill redounds to the interest of the farmers of this country. It may be so, but the people most interested have no evidence to that effect. On the contrary, they know that the exports of breadstuffs during the nine months of the current fiscal year have been nearly ninety million less than for the like period last year. But wide awake people don't place much confidence in the public utterances of republicans nowadays.

Mr. Abbott, president of the Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon Electric Railroad Company, realizing the just grounds of objection the people of Alexandria had to his late order in respect of the running of the cars through the streets of their city, has very wisely revoked it, and the cars are now running as formerly.

The drought in Torron, Mexico, has not been broken, and the cotton and corn crops will be a failure again this year.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
WASHINGTON, April 18, 1893.
The adjournment of the Senate has been followed by a general exodus of Senators from the city and the Capitol building has a very deserted look. A number of Senators are hidden in their rooms behind locked doors attending to correspondence and seeking to avoid visitors and office seekers. A number have arranged to witness the naval review and will leave this week for the rendezvous. Others are preparing to depart on the various investigating trips that were ordered during the closing hours of the session.

One hundred and twenty-eight fourth class postmasters were appointed today of whom seventy-two will take the places of removed republicans. The changes in Virginia were as follows: Body Camp, Bedford county, C. C. Cheek, appointed postmaster; John Bragg, resigned; Earlysville, Albemarle county, Bettie C. Thomas, vice E. E. Madison removed; Fawcett's Gap, Frederick county, W. H. Edwards, vice T. F. Fawcett, resigned; Orleans, Fauquier county, R. C. Buck, vice T. F. Moore, resigned; Washington Heights, Roanoke county, R. W. Reid, vice J. T. Blair, resigned; White House, New Kent county, P. H. Sweet, vice P. H. Huffman, deceased.

Southerners here who have called on the Cabinet Ministers are beginning to repeat what the GAZETTE said as soon as these ministers were nominated, that only one of them is really a southern man, Mr. Herbert, and that he is so delighted with his position that he overlooks the interest of the people of his section in his desire to please the man who gave it to him. Mr. Carlisle, they say, never was a southern man, and that Mr. Smith prides himself upon being a representative of the "New South," which compares very unfavorably with the old.

Mr. Downing of Warren county, though not endorsed by the congressmen from his district, Mr. O'Ferrall, nor by the Virginia Congressional delegation which recently met here, says he will not withdraw his application for the place of U. S. attorney for the western district of Virginia, and "will be in at the death." At whose death he does not say, but a wink is as good as a nod.

To-day was Cabinet day, yesterday was the President's private day, and tomorrow the office seekers will have another fair whack at him. Ex-Congressman Sidney Clark of Kansas, who at one time was proud of the fact that he developed Eliza Pinkston, but who not being rewarded therefor to the extent of his expectations, turned democrat, applied for the governorship of Oklahoma under the present administration, and was on the eve of appointment when his record was hunted up and exhibited to the appointing power. Of course no further action in his case was necessary.

The report that the President and his Secretary of the Treasury are at odds, on the gold question is not credited by anybody personally acquainted with the two officials referred to. The talk at the Treasury to-day is that a considerable reserve fund will be made upon the gold reserve fund before the public debt will be increased by the issue of new bonds.

Judging from the way some, at least, of the lawyers here talk, the composition of the new Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia affords anything else than entire satisfaction to the members of the bar of that court.

Representative Meredith arrived here last night and left for Philadelphia this morning. As previously stated, he withdrew the papers in the Yardley Brown case from the office of the District Commissioners last Saturday, but after copying some of their contents returned them.

Among the strangers here to-day is ex-postmaster Burke of Staunton, Virginia, who is an applicant for reappointment, and will continue to be until the appointment is made, though, he says, Congressman Tucker, from his district, refused to give his papers more than a casual inspection for the assigned reason that he is an ex. and it would be a waste of time to do so. Mr. Tucker, he says, has recommended Mr. McCue for the place. He says the incumbent, Major Yost, has not served a full time by a year or two, and that the only charge against him is that he is not an active partisan, as he is the editor of a republican newspaper, but since last November, judging from his paper, he has been more interested in the material development of his State than in either federal or State politics.

Postmaster McCabe of Leesburg, Va., was also here to-day. He says he expects to "go," and is ready to deliver his office on three days notice, but that nevertheless he would like to hold on to it as long as possible. He says he came down here to call upon the Postmaster General and congratulate him upon his appointment, and was disappointed at not being able to do so, as this was Cabinet day.

An Alexandria county democrat here to-day says the republicans of his county will hold a convention on the 8th proximo and nominate republicans for every county office to be filled at the election to be held on the 25th of that month.

THE HOWARD CASSARD.—The steamer Howard Cassard made a run yesterday afternoon to Seven-Foot Knoll and back under Captain Craig. These on board were pleased with the Cassard's performance and particularly elated with the success of the experiment in turning the steamer around in four hundred feet, which is about twice the length of the boat. She is said to have responded to her helm beautifully. A Delamater propeller wheel is expected Wednesday and will be placed on the Cassard. The directors say the changing of the wheel does not mean that the Fryer wheel will be abandoned, but the new wheel will be used for experimenting with the boat for speed, from which comparisons of merit will be made. The Cassard will be taken to Hampton Roads during the presence of the war-ships there if everything can be brought down to perfect working order by Saturday. If her actions are encouraging after reaching there she will be taken to New York, so as to show off at the naval review. The run yesterday was the first the boat has made since February 22, during which time some changes have been made in machinery and a new cylinder put in.—*Baltimore Sun.*

COURT OF APPEALS IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY.—Norfolk and Western Railroad Company against Anderson. Fully argued, and submitted.

Waring &c., against Betts. Argued and submitted.

Weissger and others against Richmond Ice Manufacturing Company. Argued and continued.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The English ship-owners have determined to make a united fight against the demands of the union dockmen.

Dr. C. W. Chancellor left Baltimore at noon to-day for New York, and will sail on Saturday by French steamship direct to his new post at Havre.

Stanton Abbott, the light-weight champion of England, yesterday issued a challenge to fight Jack McAuliffe, the light-weight champion of America.

It is reported that Mrs. Florence Mayberry, serving a life sentence in Woking (England) prison for poisoning her husband, attempted suicide by stabbing herself.

The cruiser Detroit made a record of over eighteen knots an hour during her final trial yesterday, and showed herself to be the speediest vessel of her class in the navy.

At Coney Island, N. Y., last night William Smith, of Boston, in the second round knocked out Thomas Williams, of Australia in the fight for the welter-weight championship of the world.

Secretary Herbert has revoked the order of his predecessor furloughing postmaster J. C. Sullivan for criticizing the American policy on the Behring sea question, but in doing so rebuked Mr. Sullivan for his comments.

Mr. H. R. Newberry, secretary of the United States legation in Constantinople, has investigated the recent reports of persecutions of Christians by Mohammedans, and says the disturbances had their origin in Turkish or Armenian conspiracies.

A. G. Yates, of the Rochester, N. Y., coal mines, failed, yesterday, for about a million dollars. Mr. Yates says his failure is due to the embarrassed condition of H. H. Warner, the patent medicine magnate, whose notes, he says, he endorsed and had to meet.

The labor disturbances in Belgium continued yesterday. A mob attempted to take possession of the streets of Brussels for a parade. The civic guard fired on the mob and a desperate hand-to-hand conflict ensued. The guards were victorious. Four strikers were killed.

Fourteen-year-old Ida Lillian Tims and Walter L. Burke, who eloped on foot across muddy roads from Unionville, N. Y., on Saturday, have not been overtaken. They are believed to be in the country a few miles from Summitville, N. Y., thirty miles from the girl's home.

The debate on the second reading of the Irish home-rule bill was resumed yesterday in the House of Commons, and the Right Hon. G. J. Goschen, formerly chancellor of the exchequer, formerly of the exchequer in Lord Salisbury's late ministry, addressed the House in opposition to the bill.

Frank Gerade was yesterday sentenced in Pittsburgh to twelve years in the penitentiary. In 1890 he dashed out the brains of his little step-daughter against the foot of the bed. At the first of three trials which he had he was convicted of murder in the first degree. He pleaded guilty at the second.

The U. S. Supreme Court through Justice Field yesterday declared that "the prosecuting attorney in a U. S. court must not animadvert on the failure of the defendant charged with a criminal offense, to take the stand in his own behalf and if he does, it is the duty of the court to reprimand him."

At New Castle, Del., while James M. Wise on Sunday was listening to a sermon preached by his son in the M. E. Church he was stricken with paralysis. The preacher, Rev. James M. Wise, Jr., after retiring a moment with his stricken parent returned to the pulpit and resumed the sermon, making a touching illustration of the incident. The elder Wise will most likely die.

THE NAVAL REVIEW.

Seven more foreign vessels dropped anchor in Hampton Roads yesterday. Five of these, headed by the great English cruiser Blake, displayed the cross of St. George. From the sixth waved the red, white and blue of Holland, while from the last floated the tricolor of France. This makes eleven foreign vessels that have arrived. The names of the English vessels were published yesterday. The other two arrivals were the Dutch cruiser Johan Speyk and the French cruiser Husard. The vessels were received with the customary salutes and formal visits were interchanged. Last night with twenty-four vessels lying in the Roads, the clustered lights were like those of a city. The American vessels gave the regular Monday night exhibition of search-lights, shooting the long funnels of electric glare in every direction, while at the same time the cruisers signaled each other with the electric lights.

RICHMOND TERMINAL AFFAIRS.—At the office of Drexel, Morgan & Co., in New York yesterday, it was stated that deposits of Richmond Terminal have been very large. In fact the deposits were too large to count. The temporary certificates issued for securities will be listed at the Stock Exchange as soon as possible. Some of the smaller owners of Richmond Terminal junior securities appear to be a little bit uneasy no details have come to light to indicate how they are going to far under the Drexel-Morgan plan of reorganization. The principal holders of the sixes and fives are evidently better informed, as they are working in full accord with the underwriters, and a majority of both issues will be deposited this week. One of the conditions imposed by the underwriters, it is said, will be that Mr. Samuel Spencer be appointed a co-receiver with Mr. Oakman. Some sacrifices will have to be made by the bondholders, including the scaling of interest and funding of coupons, while both classes of stock will be assessed.

MURDER.—A shocking murder has been perpetrated on Little Bay, in Princess Anne county, the victim being Capt. James H. Marshall, an aged and highly respected resident of Berkeley. The murdered man was in the employ of his son, Capt. W. L. Marshall, and was engaged in watching his son's oyster beds, near the Taylor farm, on Little Bay. The deceased used as a place of shelter an old dismantled vessel which had been fitted up for him and anchored in the bay. About twenty days ago was the last time that he was seen by his son until Sunday, when his body was washed ashore at Willoughby Bay, where they were discovered and identified by a colored man. On the right temple was a deep cut, which fractured his skull and looked as if it had been done by an axe. The death at the hands of unknown persons who he detected in the act of stealing oysters, after which they threw the body overboard. The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the above.

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Two negroes, Madison Brown and Alexander Boush, have been arrested for robbing the store and then murdering the storekeeper, John Dollard, in Norfolk.

Leonard Mason, of Virginia, has invented a smokeless powder for field guns, which the army ordnance bureau has authorized him to test at the national proving grounds.

Mr. George C. Lafferty, one of the official reporters to Congress, was married in Richmond yesterday evening in Grace Episcopal Church, to Miss Elizabeth Fitzhugh Cabell Lay, daughter of Judge Lay, of that city.

In Baltimore yesterday judgments for \$692.60, \$699 and \$700, respectively, were rendered against John D. Blake, Samuel E. Hill and Francis E. Yewell for unpaid subscriptions to the capital stock of the Valley Land and Improvement Company of Virginia.

Mrs. Seth Bell, residing near Jenkins Bridge, in the northwestern part of Accomac county, has been missing since last Thursday, and all efforts to find her have thus far proved unavailing. For some time past she had given indications of mental aberration.

At Pocomoke yesterday evening Lewis Payne, a lad of seventeen, shot and instantly killed his brother-in-law, John Waugh. It seems that Waugh was abusing his wife, when his brother-in-law interfered, and in the struggle that ensued killed him. Payne was arrested.

Bessie Jane Devaselmeier, of Washington city, a pretty fourteen-year-old girl, was arrested in Richmond yesterday in boy's clothing. She was with a youth of her own age, named Willie Gordon, and they said that they had been in a cruel mother, who made her beg and, when she failed to bring money home, beat her unmercifully. She and her male companion walked there from Washington. She was taken to the almshouse.

SWALLOWED A WHEAT BEARD.—Frank Pennell, one of the best known farmers in Middlesex county, N. J., died on Saturday at Franklin Park of lockjaw. About a week ago he inhaled a wheat beard, which lodged in his throat and caused much irritation. Efforts of physicians to remove the beard were fruitless, but the man might have got well had he not had an experience with a fine Holstein bull on Friday.

The animal has always been regarded as tame, but on Friday, as Mr. Pennell was leaving the forty-acre field on his place, he became conscious of the rapid approach of the bull from behind. Mr. Pennell made for the fence as fast as possible. The bull was nearly upon the fence. He dropped down, hoping the enraged animal would rush by him. The bull did pass him, just stepping on his right arm. Then Pennell jumped up and attempted to gain the fence. The beast turned on him, and one of his horns was jammed into the man's neck. The animal then rushed off in another direction. Mr. Pennell was able to stagger to the house, where the sight of the terrible wound in his neck and his pale face caused his wife to faint. The four young children ran screaming from the house.

Physicians said that despite the wound made by the bull they might have saved Mr. Pennell's life, but the ailment in his throat, caused by the wheat beard, lockjaw set in immediately, and he died yesterday in terrible agony.

A BIG ORDER.—The first step in the formation of the American Railway Union was completed in Chicago on Sunday when the men interested in the enterprise issued a lengthy document setting forth the outline of one of the greatest labor organizations the world has ever seen. The union proposes to enlist as far as possible all railway employees of every description, and its avowed object is the abolishment of the strike and boycott as means of settling difficulties, and the eradication of the heavy taxes and dues which members of numerous organizations are now compelled to pay. Besides the main point, the regulation of labor troubles, the organization contemplates several side issues, as an employment bureau, an insurance department and other features.

HELD BY THE POLICE.—James H. Keith, a salesman, and Ella Cousins, both of Baltimore, were arrested at the Belvidere Hotel, in Washington yesterday, by Detective Geo. Boyd. The couple came from Baltimore to Washington Sunday evening, intending, they said, to get married. As the girl is not more than sixteen years of age they were held at police headquarters until yesterday afternoon, when Miss Cousins's parents arrived. The latter objected strongly to the proposed marriage, and after some consultation with the authorities were out on a warrant for Keith. He was locked up and will be given a hearing on Wednesday. The girl was taken to Baltimore by her parents.

THE GAZETTE.

A subscriber in San Francisco in a letter to this office, inclosing a money order for two years subscription to the tri-weekly GAZETTE, says:

"Your bright familiar face comes to me quite regularly three times a week and has been doing so for more than twenty-five years in this State, and for many years prior to that was a welcome visitor at my old home in Prince William county, Va. Your news items (of which you are usually as full as an egg is of meat) and your spicy editorials have been a source of great pleasure, not only to myself and wife, but also to numerous friends who drop into my office nearly every day to peruse your interesting columns. I have become so attached to you, that if by chance you get lost or delayed in transit, I feel as though I had missed seeing or hearing from some dear old Virginia friend."

[THE GAZETTE is thus valued wherever it is read. It is in constant receipt of letters to the effect of the above and the one referred to is only printed because it comes from a point so far from home,

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Frank C. Almy, the murderer of Christie Warden at Rutland, Vt., has confessed to his lawyer that he is Geo. H. Abbott, the desperado.

The threatened strike on the Union Pacific Railroad did not take place yesterday and it is now doubtful whether the men will go out at all.

Thomas M. Barr & Company, coffee brokers, of New York, failed to-day. The failure has caused general demoralization in the coffee business.

Charles B. Williams, managing editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer was found dead in his office this morning. Apoplexy is supposed to have been the cause of his death.

Two tramps taken to Dubuque from Greeley, Iowa, this morning, are believed to be the murderers of officers Frith and Talcott, who were shot by tramps last Friday morning.

The coal barge Meredito in tow parted her hawser on Friday morning last off Five Fathom Lightship near Delaware Breakwater and has not been seen since. She had a crew of five men.

A temporary peace is about to be established in the Choctaw Nation. Locke is at Antlers under the protection of the United States soldiers and some of his men started home yesterday.

Miss Mollie Neelson, the young woman faster, last night completed her fast of thirty-one days at Pittsburgh, thereby winning \$1,100. She weighed 202 pounds at the beginning and 164 at the end.

Since the failure of the Irwin Manufacturing Company, at Louisville, a few days ago, the fact has been revealed that several Louisville banks have been made again the victims of the forgeries.

The boiler of a saw mill near Brooke, Ohio, exploded yesterday. The mill and machinery were blown to pieces, and a number of the employees were badly injured, two of them being instantly killed.

A destructive hail, wind and rain storm passed through northern Indiana yesterday morning, cleaning a strip about two hundred yards wide entirely across the country. The town of Gravelton was completely wrecked.

The five gangway men who were imprisoned in Crystal Ridge Colliery, Pa., yesterday by the mine taking fire were safely taken out yesterday afternoon through an adjoining mine. The burning mine will now be flooded.

Charles A. Pillsbury, the millionaire miller of Minneapolis, who it was reported had lost heavily in the late wheat deal, is in New York, and says: "Neither myself nor any company I represent lost one dollar in the wheat deal in Chicago."

In Cincinnati the announcement is made of an immense iron and steel combine that includes thirteen of the most extensive companies in Ohio and Pennsylvania. They are organized under one management, with a capital stock of \$12,000,000, and Cincinnati is to be a distributing point.

A terrific explosion of nitro glycerine occurred about noon at the High Explosive Company's magazine, two miles from Lima, Ohio. One man's head was torn off, and another fatally injured. The cause of the explosion was a run of glycerine, caught fire from the friction and before the men could run, it went off.

The revolutionists in Spanish Honduras have captured the Bay Islands, Utila and Ruanan. Last week about three hundred men left the port of Ceiba under the command of a nephew of General Policarpo Bonilla, and sailed for Utila. Here they captured the government buildings, and started for Ruanan, which place they took without trouble.

Much anxiety is felt in seafaring circles over the non-arrival at Philadelphia of the British steamship Castle-gate, which is now two weeks overdue, and it is feared that she, with a crew numbering twenty-three men and a cargo valued at \$200,000, has suffered a fate similar to that of the Naronic. The Castle-gate left Dantzic March 5 with a full cargo of sugar.

During last night burglars entered the store of George M. Wilkinson, the leading jeweler of Mansfield, O., and completely gutted it. They cracked the safe and secured its contents, consisting of over 250 gold watches, a large quantity of diamonds and other valuable jewelry together with a considerable amount of money. The total loss is estimated at over \$5,000.

William George Robert, Earl of Craven, and Miss Camelia Martin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, of New York, were married at 1 o'clock this afternoon by Bishop Potter and Rev. Dr. Wm. R. Huntington at Grace Church, New York, in the presence of over 2,000 of the elite of New York and English society. The bridegroom, besides his nobility, is the possessor of a fortune that brings him an annual income of \$400,000. He is 25 years old. His bride is barely 17.

Many Persons are broken down from overwork or household cares. Brown's Iron Bitters. Rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

DIED.

At the residence of his father, Mr. A. Patterson, near Four Mile Run, Alexandria county, on Monday, April 17th, 1893, MITCHELL A. PATTERSON. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday). Interment in the family burying ground near Occoquan, Va.

On Monday, April 17th, 1893, at 9 p. m. CHARLES A. PATTERSON, son of Annie and William, aged 5 years and 10 months. Funeral from parents' residence Wednesday, April 19th, at 3 p. m. Friends of the family are invited.

50 DOZEN mens' half HOSE in BALBRIGGAN, Black and Tan at 12 1/2c worth 20c at CHAPMAN'S, 424 King street.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News.

BRUSSELS, April 18.—The night passed quietly but the outlook is still threatening. Disturbances occurred in several small towns during the night, but there was no concerted attempt to rebel against the king. The movement is directed entirely against the chamber of deputies and the ministers who oppose the workmen's demands for the right to vote when they reach legal age, without any property qualification whatsoever. The King is in favor of a wide extension of the suffrage, and the crowds of excited workmen who are now demanding what the believe to be their right have nothing against him personally.

ANTWERP, April 18.—The outlook is more threatening than it was yesterday. The striking laborers this morning took possession of the docks, attacking the men who were at work and compelling many of them to quit. A short conflict with the police ensued, during which the police used their swords and revolvers, and finally the mob scattered.

HAMBURG, April 18.—The striking dock laborers in this city decided at a meeting held last night to end the strike and return to work.

BERLIN, April 18.—A decided sensation has been caused here by the flight to America of Deputy Captain Baron Oppen. His creditors have seized his houses and goods.

A fire started last night in the eastern wing of the Hohenzollern palace, at Sigmaringen, and did an immense amount of damage before the flames were extinguished. The fire burned throughout the night and that part of the structure known as the Furstenbau was completely gutted. The palace contained a great number of priceless works of art, and many of these were destroyed.

LONDON, April 18.—The dowager Duchess of Sutherland, formerly Mrs. Blair, has been committed to Holloway prison under a sentence of imprisonment for six weeks imposed by Sir Francis Jeune, president of the court of probate, for contempt of court in destroying certain papers relating to the will of the late duke. The imprisonment of a British duchess in a common jail is probably unprecedented in England. The late duke and Mrs. Blair, who is an English woman, were married in Florida, during a visit to America on the fourth of March 1889. The news of the marriage was received with anger and disappointment by the duke's relations.

ATHENS, April 18.—Incessant earthquake shocks were felt at Zante throughout last night. The island shook continuously and the panic-stricken people were in momentary dread of the ground opening and swallowing them. The condition of the sick and the aged is pitiable. The weather, however, is pleasant, and much suffering is thus escaped. It is estimated that since yesterday shocks, that there are only 200 houses remaining that are fit to be inhabited.

A steamer that was voyaging from Zante to Patras at the time of the shock reports that the sea was greatly agitated. The water appeared to be boiling; then it suddenly receded, and as suddenly sought its usual level. Those on the steamer thought that she was about to be swallowed up, but she came through without damage.

Fire started about midnight last night in a Plymouth, Mich., barber shop and before it was gotten under control at 3 o'clock this morning the leading business block of the town was in ruins. The engines from Detroit however did not reach there in time to be of service. Losses \$50,000.

ROME, April 18.—Monsignor Chapelle, coadjutor Bishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico, who has gone on a visit to France prior to his return to the United States, has received assurances from Cardinal Ledochowski, prefect of the propaganda, to the effect that Pope Leo will reply to the reports of the American bishops on the school question in a special document settling the matter with the utmost despatch.

STOCKHOLM, April 18.—The immense Ljus Voxla sawing works at Soderhamm, in the Laen of Geafic, on an inlet of the Gulf of Bothnia, have been destroyed by fire. The flames spread with great rapidity communicating to the wharves and a number of lighters, and these also were destroyed. The loss amounts to about \$300,000.

THE NAVAL REVIEW.

FORT MONROE, Va., April 18.—The roads are beginning to fill up with the daily arrival of steamers carrying thousands of excursionists from Baltimore, Richmond and Norfolk, and numbers of small steam craft decorated with bunting and the flags of the foreigners, and loaded with passengers who show their appreciation of the ships, as they sail down one long line of American vessels and then back by the British, Russian and French ships, by waving handkerchiefs, parasols and small banners. The harbor this morning was dotted with every imaginable description of vessel.

This was the first morning since the arrival of the Russian fleet last week that there has not been a great firing off of guns in the fleet and at the fort to welcome some new arrival. The French flagship Arethuse is expected some time during the afternoon, and the fast Argentine cruiser now on her way will probably drop in about the same time. Admiral Gheffard begins to entertain the visitors at a dinner this evening on board the dispatch boat Dolphin, which has been especially fitted out for the proper accommodation of the distinguished admirals and

commanders who will be dined by our commander-in-chief during the week. The junior officers of our ships will also entertain the other junior officers this evening at dinner. Colonel Frank soon after 10 o'clock returned the call of the commander of the Holland frigate Johan Speyk and was received with the customary salute from the rapid fire guns. After leaving the Holland he called unofficially upon all the British ships except the Blake, where he had yesterday been received by vice-Admiral Hopkins. The salutes which followed Colonel Frank's call was the only occasion for the firing off of gunpowder during the morning. At 3 o'clock barge crews from the Chicago and Philadelphia will race over a three mile course for the supremacy of the home station, and later the officers of the Newark will give a reception and dance to the ladies of the Hygieia.

The Unlucky Opal.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 18.—Miss Gizzella Sikay, sixteen years old, of this city, who on Wednesday morning would have been a bride, fell dead Sunday afternoon while trying on the dress which she was to wear during the ceremony. Displaying an opal pin with which it was intended the veil should be caught back, she remarked to her bridesmaids: "Some girls think opals bring ill-luck; I am sure this will bring Henry and me nothing but happiness." She deposited the pin in its case and turned to rearrange the display of wedding gifts, when the muscles of her face contracted and she was seized with a convulsion and fell to the floor dead.

VIRGINIA APPLICANTS.—Captain C. L. Adams, of Lynchburg, is an applicant for a European consularship.

An application was filed yesterday by Wm. H. Murlough, of Portsmouth, who wants to be supervising inspector of steam vessels in the Third district. Newton E. Vowles, of Culpeper, wants to be the Assistant Superintendent of the Treasury building.

[COMMUNICATED.]

I desire to call attention to the electric light at the corner of Gibson and Columbus streets. It falls to burn night after night and consequently this end of the city is in darkness. We hope the difficulty will be remedied soon, as the absence of the light is a great inconvenience to numbers of people.

JOHN N. SCHAFER.

ANCIENT PARCELS.—Two old deeds, written on parchment, dated, respectively, 1750 and 1766, are owned by Mr. H. F. Lane, of Fredericksburg. One is from King George the Second of England to James Wood, Wm. Green and Wm. Russell, conveying a tract of land, and signed by Thomas Lee, president of the Virginia council. The other is from Thomas Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron, conveying a tract of land in the Northern Neck to James and Moses Green. The parchment is well preserved and the writing clear and legible. Mr. Lane values the papers highly as curiosities. The Wm. Green referred to was the great-grandfather of Mr. James L. Green, of Fredericksburg, and some of the land is still owned by the Green family.